

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	5
Meeting Date	September 10, 2007
Prepared By	Capt. Edward Coursey
Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Lease Purchase of Police Cruisers
Background	<p>In FY06, the City Council approved an expansion of the City's take-home car program in order to enhance the City's recruitment and retention of police officers. Fifteen vehicles were leased in FY07 as part of this effort.</p> <p>In the FY08 budget, the Council approved the acquisition of additional police cruisers in accordance with the expanded take-home car program. Staff proposes to lease six vehicles utilizing Howard County's contract with Ford and the Ford Motor Municipal Financial Program. The lease program provides for a five-year payment plan at 6.05% A.P.R. and a \$1 purchase price at the end of five years. Of the six vehicles, two will be assigned as new take-home cars and four will replace existing take-home assignments which are in need of replacement.</p>
Policy	<p>This a cooperative purchase in accordance with the provisions of the City Code; consequently, competitive bidding is not required.</p> <p>The cost is in excess of \$10,000. Therefore, Council approval of the purchase is required.</p> <p>Funding for the lease payment is included in the FY08 budget so a single reading ordinance is appropriate.</p>
Fiscal Impact	<p>The lease payment is \$220,028.84 payable over five years. The amount to be paid in FY08 is \$49,321.22.</p> <p>The estimated costs include all required equipment and accessories, including computers. Not included in these estimates are the operating and maintenance costs, which will increase as the fleet increases.</p>
Attachments	Proposed Ordinance
Recommendation	Staff recommends that the Council approve the attached Ordinance authorizing lease/purchase of six police cruisers.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007 -

Authorization to Lease- Purchase Police Cruisers

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park desires to participate in a Howard County Contract to purchase six police cruisers and related equipment and accessories; AND

WHEREAS, this is a Cooperative Purchase and competitive bidding is not required; AND

WHEREAS, the vehicles that best meet the needs of the City's Police Department are Ford Crown Victorias; AND

WHEREAS, whereas this is the second step in expanding the police fleet to provide take home cars for police officers; AND

WHEREAS, lease purchasing these vehicles through the Ford Motor Company Municipal Lease-Purchase Plan is the most affordable way to accomplish the expansion of the fleet and replacement of existing vehicles; AND

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of providing take home cars to improve incentives for hiring and retaining qualified police officers; AND

WHEREAS, the adopted FY 08 Budget provides sufficient funding for the first year's lease payment for six cruisers in the amount of \$49,321.22.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee is authorized to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with the Ford Motor Credit Company for six Crown Victoria Police Cars in the amount of \$220,028.84 payable over five years, with \$49,321.22 being payable in FY 08.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ADOPTED this ____ day of September, 2007 by roll call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: